



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

INTRODUCTION TO SYNTAX - 25150

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Hebrew Language

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will introduce basic concepts in syntax as applied to Hebrew texts.

Course/Module aims:

Familiarity with basic concepts in the syntax of Hebrew (with a focus on Modern Hebrew), from a descriptive, typological, and pre-theoretic perspective.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Define basic concepts in syntax.
Use syntactic terminology.
Analyze basic syntactic constructions in Modern Hebrew texts.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Concepts and examples will be introduced and discussed in class, accompanied by homework assignments for further practice.

Course/Module Content:

- What is syntax?
- Parts of speech
- Syntactic phrases
- Syntactic relations
- Sentence types (semantic and syntactic criteria)
- Syntactic ambiguity
- Syntactic valency (transitivity)
- Nominal sentences
- Word order and information structure

Required Reading:

See syllabus in Hebrew.

Additional Reading Material:

Encyclopedia of Hebrew language and linguistics (G. Khan, ed.), 2013, Brill: online access from campus.

Glinert, L. 1989. The grammar of Modern Hebrew. Cambridge University Press.

Jespersen, O. 1965. The philosophy of grammar. W. W. Norton.

Joüon, Paul and T. Muraoka. 2006. A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew. 2nd edition.

Rome: Editrice Pontificio Istituto biblico. [Syntax]

Waltke, Bruce K. and M. O'Connor. 1990. Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax.

Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns.

אזר, משה. 1995. תחביר לשון המשנה. ירושלים: האקדמיה ללשון העברית, הוצאת הספרים של אוניברסיטת חיפה.

גושן-גוטשטיין, משה. 2006. תחבירה ומילונה של הלשון העברית שבתחום השפעתה של הערבית. ירושלים.

Rabin, Chaim. 2000. The development of the syntax of post-biblical Hebrew.

Leiden: Brill.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: